LAWNDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 11, 2016

Executive Officer Board of Supervisors 500 West Temple Street, Suite 383 Los Angeles, California 90012 Phone: (213) 974-1411

Re: Lawndale Elementary School District General Obligation Bond Election (55%) – November 8, 2016

ADOPTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

53 September 13, 2016

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Lawndale Elementary School District ordering a general obligation bond election for November 8, 2016. This election is being ordered under Proposition 39 and requires a 55% vote for passage.

In order to comply with Proposition 39 and related statutes, the Board has adopted a full ballot text to be printed in the ballot pamphlet. We have provided a copy of the Resolution to the County Elections Department for purposes of preparing the bond measure for the ballot.

The Board of Education of the District has requested consolidation of this election with others occurring on the same day. We are submitting this resolution to you as Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of consolidation pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403.

Please call me at (310) 973-1300 ext. 50026 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

John D. Vinke

Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Enclosure: Resolution 32, 2015-16 School Bond Election.

LAWNDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2015-2016

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LAWNDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Lawndale Elementary School District (the "District"), within Los Angeles County, California (the "County"), is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code (the "Education Code");

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter specified, pursuant to section 15100 *et seq.* of the California Education Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and section 15266 of the California Education Code, school districts may seek approval of general obligation bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a 55% vote of those voting on a proposition for the purpose, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors to be approved by 55% of the votes cast;

WHEREAS, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide general election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election, as required by section 15266 of the California Education Code;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, a statewide general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 15268 California Education Code, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed \$30 per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property;

WHEREAS, section 9400 *et seq*. of the California Elections Code requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Education of the Lawndale Elementary School District as follows:

Section 1. Specifications of Election Order. Pursuant to sections 5304, 5322, 15100 et seq., and section 15266 of the California Education Code, an election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the following proposition:

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$27 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below. Bonds will be issued in one or more series.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at section 15264 et seq. of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education has prepared its Facilities Needs Assessment in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board of Education hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Education shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (section 15278 et seq. of the California Education Code), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board of Education.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board of Education shall cause to conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Education shall cause to conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Education shall take actions necessary to

establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2017, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List attached to this resolution as Exhibit A shall be considered a part of the ballot proposition, and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

The Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this proposition, lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds. Such projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore the Board of Education cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to section 53410 of the California Government Code.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest will be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature later than shall be permitted by law.

Section 2. <u>Ballot Proposition</u>. Pursuant to section 13247 of the California Elections Code and section 15122 of the California Education Code, the Board hereby directs the Registrar of Voters to use the following abbreviation of the bond proposition on the ballot:

"To improve the quality of local public education by modernizing outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities with funding that cannot be taken by the state; make health and safety improvements; repair or replace leaky roofs; update electrical systems for modern technology; and replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems; shall the Lawndale Elementary School District issue \$27,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, have an independent citizens' oversight committee and have NO money used for administrative or teacher salaries?"

Section 3. <u>Voter Pamphlet</u>. The Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested to reprint Section 1 hereof (including Exhibit A hereto) in its entirety in the voter information pamphlets to be distributed to voters pursuant to section 13307 of the California Elections Code. In the event Section 1 is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlets in its entirety, the Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the bond proposition, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure ____. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters at (800) 815-2666 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

Section 4. Required Vote. Pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution, the above proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of those voters voting on the proposition.

Section 5. <u>Matching Funds</u>. Pursuant to section 15122.5 of the California Education Code, the District hereby requests that the Registrar of Voters of the County include the following statement in the ballot pamphlet:

Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Lawndale Elementary School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure ___ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure ___. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

Section 6. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election. The Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested, pursuant to section 5322 of the California Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 7. Consolidation Requirement; Canvass.

- (a) Pursuant to section 15266(a) of the California Education Code, the election shall be consolidated with the statewide general election on November 8, 2016.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors of the County is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, pursuant to section 10411 of the California Elections Code.
- Section 8. <u>Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers</u>. The Clerk of the Board of Education of the District is hereby directed to deliver, no later than August 12, 2016, one copy of this Resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools and the Registrar of Voters of the County together with the Tax Rate Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit B), completed and signed by the Superintendent, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County.
- Section 9. <u>Ballot Arguments</u>. The members of the Board are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters of the County a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 1 hereof, within the time established by the Registrar of Voters of the County.
- Section 10. Further Authorization. The members of this Board, the Superintendent, and all other officers of the District are hereby authorized, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.
 - Section 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

	PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2016, by the following vote:		
	AYES:	5	
	NAYS:	0	
	ABSTAIN:	0	
	ABSENT:	0	
			APPROVED:
			President of the Board of Education of the Lawndale Elementary School District
Attest	:		

Clerk of the Board of Education of the Lawndale Elementary School District

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, , Clerk of the Board of Education of the Lawndale Elementary School District, of Los Angeles County, California, hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Education of the District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on June 28, 2016, and entered in the minutes thereof, of which meeting all of the members of the Board of Education had due notice and at which a quorum thereof was present. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

At least 24 hours before the time of said meeting, a written notice and agenda of the meeting was mailed and received by or personally delivered to each member of the Board of Education not having waived notice thereof, and to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio, and television station requesting such notice in writing, and was posted in a location freely accessible to members of the public, and a brief description of the resolution appeared on said agenda.

I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of the meeting on file and of record in my office. The resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 28 TH day of JUNE, 2016.

Clerk of the Board of Education Lawndale Elementary School District

EXHIBIT A

LAWNDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND PROJECT LIST

Bond funds may be spent on the following projects at some or all of the District's sites although there is no guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects:

SCHOOL SAFETY & CAMPUS SECURITY REPAIRS & UPGRADES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

School Site Safety Projects

- Security and safety systems, including, but not limited to, fire alarm systems, intrusion and security systems, access systems, video systems, security lighting, and telephones and communication systems, etc.
- Walkways, perimeter fencing and exterior lighting, portable ramps with concrete and handrails.
- Playground equipment and safety surfacing.
- Parking lots, parking structures; pick-up/drop-off zones, and other asphalt-paved areas, including, but not limited to, security fencing.
- Hazardous materials abatement.

BUILD, REPAIR, RENOVATE OR REPLACE AGING, DETERIORATED CLASSROOMS, LIBRARIES/MEDIA CENTERS, LABS, CORE BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE & EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Core Infrastructure Projects

- Roofing, flashing, and waterproofing systems.
- Classrooms.
- Lighting systems and infrastructure; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; EMS controls, including switches; and irrigation systems.
- Site utilities and utility infrastructure, such as gas, electrical, water, sewage, and drainage; power infrastructure; valves, back flow prevention, laterals, storm drains, water mains, sinks, water heaters, neutralization tanks, shower heads, and other fixtures; boilers, gas lines, control systems, automation systems, chilled water coils, control valves, etc.

General Modernization

- Classrooms, libraries/media centers, labs, performing arts rooms, and/or physical education rooms; classroom, lab, performing arts and/or physical education building interiors and exteriors, including items such as: walls, ceilings, floors, roofs, cabinetry, windows, doors and hardware.
- Student and staff restrooms; food service storage, preparation, and serving areas (including, but not limited to, kitchens and cafeterias), food service equipment; administrative areas; counseling areas; student services areas; locker rooms, including showers and lockers; tracks; marquees; public address systems; portable classrooms (including acquisition, rehabilitation or replacement, including replacement with permanent classrooms); floors and roofs; structural repairs and improvements; windows, doors, and/or door locks; mitigation; facade improvements, etc.
- Multi-purpose rooms.
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment.
- Building exteriors, siding, paint, windows, doors, entrances and hardware including, but not limited to, classrooms, and other student support spaces.

- Local, state, and federal building, health, safety, access, and other compliance-related requirements, including, but not limited to, seismic safety requirements, Field Act requirements, and access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Renewable energy and energy-saving systems, improvements and equipment, including, but not limited to, electricity generation and distribution systems, water heating systems, natural light improvements, insulation, lighting, windows and window coverings, shade structures, energy management and conservation systems, and structures to support such systems, improvements and/or equipment and related infrastructure.

TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

- Network infrastructure and technology equipment, including, but not limited to, electrical
 capacity, and technology infrastructure, classroom and library technology; data ports, switching
 and cabling, computers, servers, printers, modems, displays, and teaching equipment.
- Improvements enhancing network availability and reliability.

UPGRADE OUTDOOR STRUCTURES, HARDSCAPES, FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND EQUIPMENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

- School grounds, outdoor and sports facilities and structures, including, but not limited to, compliance with local, state, and federal building, health, safety, access, and other related requirements, including seismic safety requirements, Field Act requirements, and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); lighting, tracks and fields, bleachers, etc.
- Landscape, including but not limited to, walkways, walkway covers, ramps, soil stabilization, soil
 mitigation, fencing, new or repaired irrigation systems, hydration systems; shade structures; grass
 areas, hard courts and playgrounds, etc.

The aforementioned projects are authorized at all District sites.

Incidental Work Authorized At All Sites (at which Projects listed above are undertaken)

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Each project listed above includes allocable costs such as election and bond issuance costs, architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning costs, construction management (whether by the District or a third-party), annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs necessary, incidental or related to the completion of the listed projects and otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to:

- o Remove hazardous materials, e.g., asbestos, lead, etc., if necessary or desirable.
- o Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (e.g., plumbing or gas line breaks, dry-rot, seismic, structural, etc.).
- o Other improvements required to comply with building codes.
- o Furnishing and equipping of newly constructed classrooms and facilities.
- Replace worn/broken/out of date furniture and equipment to the extent allowed by bond funding restrictions.
- Acquisition of any of the facilities on the Bond Project List through temporary lease, lease-back, or lease-purchase arrangements, execution of a purchase option under a lease for any of these authorized facilities, or prepayment of lease payments.
- O Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for modernization, if the Board of Education determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses.

- Rental or construction of temporary classrooms (including modular classrooms), and rental or construction of temporary locations, as needed to house students or administrative offices during construction.
- o Necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire
- o access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

EXHIBIT B

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Lawndale Elementary School District (the "District") on November 8, 2016, to authorize the sale of up to \$27 million in bonds of the District for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List established by the District, as described in the proposition. If the bonds are authorized, the District expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code.

- (1) The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bonds during the first fiscal year after the first sale of the bonds based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) in fiscal year 2016-17.
- (2) The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bonds during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) in fiscal year 2021-22.
- (3) The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation (\$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) in fiscal year 2021-22.
- (4) The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$55,000,000. This estimate is based on assumptions regarding future interest rates and the term, timing, structure and amount of each series of bonds.

Voters should note that such estimated tax rates are specific to the repayment of bonds issued under this authorization and are and will be in addition to tax rates levied in connection with other bond authorizations approved or to be approved by the District or any other overlapping public agency.

Voters should note that estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on Los Angeles County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the Los Angeles County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: June 28, 2016.

Superintendent Lawndale Elementary School District